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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of 9 September 1985 to the CIA Information Review Committee was received in this office on 19 September 1985.

This letter presents an appeal of the denial of your 31 July 1985 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the organization and functions manual for the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC).

Your appeal has been accepted and arrangements will be made for its consideration by the CIA Information Review Committee. You will be advised of the determinations made.

In order to afford requesters the most equitable treatment possible, we have adopted the policy of handling appeals on a first-received, first-out basis. At the present time, we have approximately 175 appeals in our workload which are awaiting completion. While some delay in our response must be expected, I can assure you that every effort will be made to complete a reply by the earliest possible time.

Sincerely,

John H. Wright

John H. Wright
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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9 September 1985

CIA Information Review Committee
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Sirs:

This letter appeals the denial, in toto, of my request for a copy of the NPIC organizations and functions manual. As indicated in the enclosed copy of the denial letter the denial is based on the b(1) (classified information) and b(3) (sources & methods) exemptions.

While I have no doubt that portions of the manual can be legitimately be denied under those provisions I would question the legitimacy of the total denial of the manual on several grounds.

First, that the United States employs satellites, aircraft and submarines to produce imagery is not only well-known but officially acknowledged - e.g. President Carter's October 1, 1978 speech mentioning photographic reconnaissance satellites or the unclassified Naval Warfare Publication that mentions periscope photography. Hence, to the extent that portions of the manual simply "reveal" well-known and officially acknowledged collection systems or techniques they should be provided to a requestor.

Secondly, many of the techniques of photographic interpretation are neither classified nor can be protected as 'sources and methods' inasmuch as they are in the nature of scientific principles known to all experts in the field. Thus, the American Photogrammetric Society publishes a 2-volume handbook on photographic interpretation. Of even more relevance in this case-the NPIC has declassified a large portion of the 1968 NPIC manual "Problems of Photographic Imagery Analysis."

On the above grounds I request that you order a re-review of the NPIC manual to determine if reasonably segregable portions do in fact exist.

Sincerely,

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27 AUG 1985

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Dear [REDACTED]

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This is the final response to your 31 July 1985 Freedom of Information Act request for "the organization & functions manual for the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC)" (#85-0906).

The information you are asking for must be denied to you since it is classified under the provisions of Executive Order 12356. The information also relates directly to intelligence sources and methods, which, in accordance with subsection 102(a)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 and section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, the Director of Central Intelligence has the legal responsibility and authority to protect from unauthorized disclosure. Exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3) of the FOIA apply. An explanation of these exemptions is enclosed.

We trust you can appreciate the necessity for an intelligence organization to protect such information. The CIA official responsible for this determination is J. H. Rixse, Office of the Director of Central Intelligence, Information Review Officer.

You may appeal this decision by addressing your appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee, in my care. Should you decide to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

Sincerely,

John H. Wright

John H. Wright
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of 31 July 1985 requesting documents under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act has been received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator. Our analysts will review your request, and we will be in touch with you and advise of any problems we have encountered, or whether we can search for documents without any additional information.

Your request has been assigned Reference No. F85-0906 for identification purposes.

Sincerely,

John H. Wright

**John H. Wright
Information and Privacy Coordinator**

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Dear Sirs:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. 552).

I write to request copies of :

1. the organization & functions manual for the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC)

The FOIA provides that if only portions of a file are exempted from release, the remainder must be released. I therefore request that I be provided with all nonexempt portions which are reasonably segregable. I, of course, reserve my right to appeal the withholding or deletion of any information.

I request that fees associated with locating and reproducing the file be waived. I believe I qualify for a waiver under Paragraph (a) (4) (A) of the FOIA concerning the public benefit resulting from the furnishing of information for a requestor. As the author of several books and articles on intelligence and defense (e.g. The U.S. Intelligence Community, Ballinger 1985) I have demonstrated my ability to effectively disseminate such information. However, if charges are to be assessed, please inform me before proceeding.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please telephone me at

As required by the FOIA, I will expect a response in ten working days.

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